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SUBJ: ICJ EXAMINATION OF SPANISH SAHARA CASE

REF:: USUN 5775 OF DEC 6, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS HERE ANNOUNCED OVER WEEKEND SEVERAL ITEMS ON INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE'S HEARING OF SPANISH SAHARA CASE. PROCEDURE WILL BE TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO IT AND THEN TO HEAR PRESENTATIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES. ACCORDING TO MARCH 28 REUTERS ITEM FROM THE HAGUE, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, SPAIN, AND FRANCE, AS WELL AS FIVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES (CHILE, GUATEMALA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PANAMA AND NICARAGUA) HAVE RESPONDED TO COURT'S JANUARY 9 CALL FOR DOCUMENTS. MOST OFFICIAL OF SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS SAID

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THAT ICJ WOULD GIVE ITS ADVISORY OPINION IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. IVORY COAST'S ROLE IN PROCEEDINGS WILL APPARENTLY BE MAJOR. PRESS REPORTED MARCH 25 ANNOUNCEMENT OF IVORY COAST GOVERNMENT THAT IVORIEN SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT ALPHONSE BONI WOULD BE AT KING HASSAN'S DISPOSITION TO PLEAD MOROCCO'S CASE BEFORE COURT AS "AD HOC JUDGE." ALSO, IVORY COAST WILL HEAD THREE-NATION COMMISSION (IVORY COAST, IRAN AND CUBA) WHICH WILL BE SENT TO SAHARA AT SPANISH REQUEST IN MAY BY UN'S COMMITTEE OF 24 TO EXAMINE SITUATION IN COLONY.

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3. COMMENT: IVORY COAST AND IRAN BOTH GOOD FRIENDS OF MOROCCANS AND THEIR PRESENCE ON UN OBSERVER TEAM PRESUMABLY PLEASES GOM.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IVORIENS SHARE STRONG AFRICAN PREDILECTION FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR COLONY. ACCORDING TO FONMIN LARAKI (REFTEL), IVORY COAST WAS UNHAPPY WITH ORIGINAL MOROCCAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SAHARA WHICH DID NOT MENTION SELF-DETERMINATION, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT MOROCCANS FORCED TO ADD THIS CONCEPT IN ORDER OBTAIN AFRICAN SUPPORT.  
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